

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Applicants respectfully request to cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 21-24 are added.

Claims 16-20 have been amended to more clearly point out the invention and to distinguish over the art cited, and claims 21-24 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowman-Amuah (U.S. Patent 6,477,580) and further in view of published patent application U.S. 2002/0095400 naming Johnson et al. as inventors. Amended independent claim 16 and new independent claims 22-24 require "a second network service, wherein the second network service controls the agent machine when the second machine accesses a second network, and the first network comprises the second network." Bowman-Amuah and Johnson et al., taken alone or in combination, do not teach control of an agent machine, and in particular control, of an agent machine when the agent machine access a second network within the first network. Accordingly, independent claim 16, its dependent claims 17-21, and independent claims 22-24 are allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5080.

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